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## NEWS AND NOTES

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Notes of interest to the readers of the *Journal* should be in the hands of the editor of "News and Notes" not later than the tenth of the month preceding publication.

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### NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WORK

William H. Parker, assistant professor of political and social science of the University of Cincinnati, has been appointed general secretary of the National Conference of Social Work. The appointment was made at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Conference composed of the President, Treasurer, and heads of the various departments on February 6, 1920. Mr. Parker entered actively upon his new duties on March 1, 1920. This office was formerly held by William T. Cross, who resigned to take up other work.

Mr. Parker has been connected with the faculty of the University of Cincinnati for about ten years. During the war he served as chief of staff of the Thirty-Seventh Division of the A.E.F. with the rank of major. He took an active part in social work in Cincinnati, where he was one of the founders of the Central Council of Social Agencies.

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### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICANIZATION WORKERS

Dr. Albert Ernest Jenks, professor of anthropology, and director of the four-year Americanization training course at the University of Minnesota, has been made president of the newly organized National Council of Americanization Workers. At the call of United States Commissioner of Education P. H. Claxton, some three hundred actual Americanization workers met in Cleveland, February 24 and 25, in connection with the Superintendentcy Department of the National Education Association.

The Council will hold its first national meeting in Minneapolis near the close of May, 1920, under the leadership of the following committee: Dr. W. C. Smith, state director of Americanization, New York, chairman; Professor Ruby Baughman, Los Angeles Normal School, and supervisor of immigrant education; Maro S. Brooks, deputy state commissioner of Americanization, New Hampshire; Dr. A. E. Jenks, director

of the Americanization training course, University of Minnesota; Dr. John J. Mahoney, state director of Americanization, Massachusetts; Assistant Superintendent E. C. Vermillion, director of Americanization, public schools, Akron, Ohio; and Ernest P. Wiles, director of the Cleveland, Ohio, Americanization Council, and under whose efficient management the organization meeting of the National Council was just held in Cleveland.

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#### THE ITALIAN SOCIETY OF GENETICS AND EUGENICS

On the motion of Professor Giuffrida-Ruggeri, the Italian Society of Genetics and Eugenics adopted in August the following resolution:

"With the victorious termination of the world-war, the allied powers of the Entente will find themselves in closer contact than in the past with the African world. Therefore it would be fitting that the different eugenic societies endeavor to obtain from their respective governments legislative enactments where they do not yet exist, tending to prohibit marriages between Europeans and representatives of African races with the exception of Mediterranean races (Berbers, Egyptians) and Arabs of the white race. These interdictions should be extended to marriages with representatives of those population groups of mixed blood which are scattered at different points upon the continent of Africa. The object of this proposal is to prevent the extension of a mixed European-African race, which, from many points of view, seems undesirable."

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#### THE FEDERAL CHILDREN'S BUREAU

Miss Julia Lathrop, head of the Children's Bureau, has accepted the formal request of the government of Czecho-Slovakia to assist this new European republic in the organization of child-welfare work. Miss Lathrop will sail from this country early in March and will return by July 1.

President Thomas G. Masaryk, who extends this invitation, was exchange professor at the University of Chicago a decade ago. His daughter Miss Alice was formerly a resident at the University of Chicago Settlement.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Assistant Professor W. H. Parker has resigned to accept the position of general secretary of the National Conference of Social Work.

Mr. F. A. Conrad, of the University of Chicago, has been appointed to continue his courses in sociology.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Mr. Bruce Lee Melvin, A.M., Fellow in sociology at the University of Missouri, has been elected to a newly established associate professorship of sociology in the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio. The departments of sociology and economics in this institution have been under one head until the present. With the coming of Mr. Melvin, however, a new department of sociology will be established with Mr. Melvin as chairman. Mr. Melvin expects to complete his work for the Doctor's degree at the University of Missouri this summer. He will also teach the course in general sociology at the University of Missouri during the summer term.

Professor Charles A. Ellwood, of the University of Missouri, will teach two courses in sociology in the University of Chicago in the Summer Quarter. One course will be on the principles of sociology and the other on the history of social philosophy.

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#### OBERLIN COLLEGE

Professor Herbert A. Miller gave a series of ten lectures during the first semester before the Saturday Evening Club of Cleveland, on the subject "The Substitute for Revolution: A Study of Group Conflict." The topics for the individual lectures were: "The Individual and the Group"; "Normal and Abnormal Conflicts"; "The Mid-European Problem"; "Ireland, India, French Canada, Mexico, and Korea"; "The Negro"; "The Class Struggle"; "Defensive Institutions—Religion and Language"; "The Oppression Psychosis"; "The Paradox of Americanization"; "The Rational Way Out versus Revolution."

In January Dr. Miller gave lectures before various organizations in Minneapolis and Chicago. On January 22 he spoke at the University of Chicago on the subject, "Americanization."

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#### UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURG

Dr. Joseph K. Folsom, assistant professor of sociology, has been granted a year's leave of absence to take up Y.M.C.A. work in Czechoslovakia.

Dr. D. M. Marvin, formerly state psychologist under the State Board of Administration in Kansas, has been appointed assistant professor to take Dr. Folsom's place.

## REED COLLEGE

Dr. Herbert Diomond, instructor in sociology at Reed College, has accepted a position with the Connecticut State Child Welfare Commission.

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WELLS COLLEGE

Dr. Harriette M. Dilla, formerly of Lake Erie College, returned last June from a year of foreign service with the American Red Cross, and has been appointed acting professor of economics and sociology for the second semester at Wells College.